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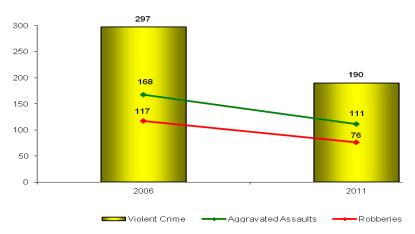
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Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Hagerstown has seen a 10.7 % reduction in total crime, a 36.0% reduction in violent crime, and a 6.1% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in robberies (-35.0%), aggravated assaults (-33.9%), and motor vehicle thefts (-50.3%) as well as a reduction in larceny/thefts (-8.7%)

Hagerstown Violent Crime Trends 2006 - 2011



HAGERSTOWN MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Hagerstown's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 16 grants in Hagerstown totaling \$881,693. As a result, Hagerstown has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

➤ Safe Streets Initiative — The Hagerstown Police Department received funding to establish its Safe Streets program in July 2012. This initiative is an offender-based model designed to dramatically reduce crime in a specific area by establishing close working partnerships across all levels of government. Working closely with GOCCP staff and operating as an integrated system, the Safe Streets Initiative focuses on violent crime and the core group of offenders who commit the majority of violent offense in their jurisdiction.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Safe Streets Initiative
- Crime Lab
 Enhancements
- Domestic
 Violence Crisis
 & Support
 Services
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Protective
 Order
 Entry/service
- Gun-Related
 Crime
 Reduction

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- ➤ **Gun-related Crime Reduction** The Hagerstown Police Department receives overtime funding to expand criminal investigations of firearm-related incidents. This includes incidents that require special weapons and tactics. Initiatives are aimed at reducing the number of firearms being carried and used in the commission of violent crimes within Hagerstown.
- Crime Lab Enhancements The Hagerstown Police Department receives crime lab enhancements funds to assist in the development and implementation of strategies specifically intended to increase the efficiency of the Western Maryland Regional Crime Lab.
- ➤ Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused (CASA) Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services program provides individual and group counseling, a 24 hour hotline, emergency shelter, legal services, children's services, information and referral, advocacy and accompaniment, and support services to victims of domestic violence and their families.

CASA has a Rape Crisis Intervention Services program which provides crisis intervention services, ongoing counseling, legal services, advocacy and accompaniment, information and referral, and emergency shelter services to victims of sexual assault.

The Hagerstown Police Department employs a Domestic Violence Coordinator who implements lethality assessment protocols and also provides specialized training. The coordinator plays an essential role in the department's proactive approach of attaining the goal of reducing both initial and repeat domestic assaults as well as assisting sexual assault victims.

"The Hagerstown **Police** Department remains dedicated to using Evidence-Based and collaborative approaches to impact public safety. Hagerstown has seen reductions in crime which would not have been possible without the support offered from Governor O'Malley."

Hagerstown Police Department

